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## 2,000 pound practice bomb unearthed

By Stephanie Ritter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

A 2,000 pound M-34 bomb from the 1940s was discovered on base Sept. 10.

The discovery was made by contractors performing work under the Environmental Restoration Program.

"The ERP is a Department of Defense program equivalent to the federal Superfund Clean-up Program," said Karen Oden, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron environmental engineer. "The ERP focuses on the clean-up of contamination associated with past military activities to eliminate threats to human health and the environment. The goal is to find contaminated sites, clean them up and make the land available for future mission use."

In 2000, excavation in the recycling yard led to the discovery of B-24 and B-28 bomber aircraft parts, Ms. Oden said. "Now in 2004, we are going in and excavating burial sites on either side of the yard. We used an electromagnetic survey, which is a form of geophysics, to find the sites."

It was during the excavation process the bomb was discovered and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal flight was contacted to assess the situation.



Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

Airman 1st Class Byron Icenogle, Senior Airman Ron Oudean and Tech. Sgt. Daryl Steck, 355th Civil Engineering Squadron, prepare to lower a bomb that was discovered here into a hole for proper disposal.

"Due to corrosion, there were no markings on the bomb so we were unable to determine right away if the bomb had live explosives," said Airman 1st Class Andrew LeBeau, 355th CES EOD technician. "So, we supervised the excavation of the bomb and its transportation in a heavy equipment shop dump truck to the EOD range to make sure the bomb wouldn't be stressed."

Once at the range, the bomb was placed in a 14-foot hole with a small amount of explosives and covered with dirt to dispose of it safely.

"We discovered it was actually a practice bomb and filled only with sand, not explosives," Airman LeBeau said.

Since Sept. 10, ERP contractors have been working with EOD technicians to excavate additional practice bombs.

"To find these bombs is exciting and it makes sense with the WWII bomber aircraft parts we found in 2000," Ms. Oden said. "The contractor's plan is to continue to work with EOD to make sure the rest of the site is safely cleared of any other bombs."

## Oktoberfest celebration to lift spirits of D-M community

By Stephanie Ritter  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Being able to participate in competitions like log cutting, nail hammering, cow milking and keg rolling will become a reality for mem-

bers of the Desert Lightning Community today.

The second annual Oktoberfest and Squadron Bed Race is today from 4 to 10 p.m. at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club. This year's event promises fun, food and prizes.

"The annual Squadron Bed Race will kick off the event with the top three winners taking home a share of over \$500 in cash, prizes and trophies," said Chris Sweeney, 355th Services Squadron marketing publicist. "There will be more than

\$3,000 in prize giveaways including hotel and resort stays, dinner and brunch for two, gift certificates and more. Local sponsors will also be on hand with free giveaways."

— See **Oktoberfest**, Page 6

### Last day to buy tickets for 2004 Air Force Ball

Wednesday is the last day to purchase tickets for the 2004 Air Force Ball, which will be Sept. 25 at the Radisson Hotel. Tickets can be purchased from squadron first sergeants. For more information about the Air Force Ball, see the **Commander's Corner** section on Page 2.

### Air Force Ball

This year marks the 57th anniversary of the Air Force as a separate service. With the stroke of a pen, President Harry Truman created an independent Department of the Air Force, equal in importance to the Departments of the Army and the Navy.

Saturday, Sept. 25, we'll gather at the Radisson Hotel to celebrate this landmark occasion. It's an evening to have a good time and honor the achievements of the men and women who've made the Air Force the supreme air and space power it is today.

This year's theme, "Yesterday's History Soars into Tomorrow's Future," is particularly appropriate as we reflect on a year of hard work and long deployments far from home doing America's work and defending freedom.

I strongly encourage you to attend. It's an event where all military members can gather with friends and spouses to celebrate

our enormous successes over the last year. It's where war stories are told and camaraderies reinforced.

The Air Force Band of the West will be performing. If you've never had the chance to enjoy our extremely talented Air Force musicians, I urge you to take this opportunity. It's a show filled with something for everyone – rock, R&B, country and patriotic music.

With all the ball has to offer – good food, entertainment, dancing, birthday cake, photos and prizes – the evening promises to be a special event.

As with any celebration, I ask that you be responsible.

If you feel that you've had too much to drink, the volunteers from Airmen Against Drunk Driving are just a phone call away. Rooms are also available at the Radisson at a reduced rate and I encourage you to take advantage of them.

The Air Force ball committee

has worked hard to make prices affordable for everyone. Tickets cost between \$25 and \$35 based on your rank and can be purchased until Wednesday. Please see your first sergeants for details.

I hope to see you there.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to [355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil). Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone. We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

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Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, spoke to the local community and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members prior to the performance of the *Tops in Blue* Sunday at the Tucson Convention Center. The *Tops in Blue* have been entertaining Air Force members since 1953. For more information, see *Tops in Blue*, Page 16.

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## Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Medical Support Squadron plans and directs \$18 million in resource acquisition and health services delivery including 158,186 outpatient visits. They provide group logistical and support activities for four operational squadrons with more than 400 members. The MDSS also manages medical group financial

and manpower programs, facilities, logistics, administrative support, information systems, managed care, ancillary services, staff education and training, and readiness. They maintain a 239,000 square foot facility, a medical dormitory, vehicle fleet, group safety program, and equipment repair and maintenance.



Senior Airman Brenen Byrom, 355th Medical Support Squadron Laboratory technician, draws blood from Tech. Sergeant Robin Hawkins, 355th MDSS. The laboratory was recently renovated.



Airman 1st Class Christina Kinsey

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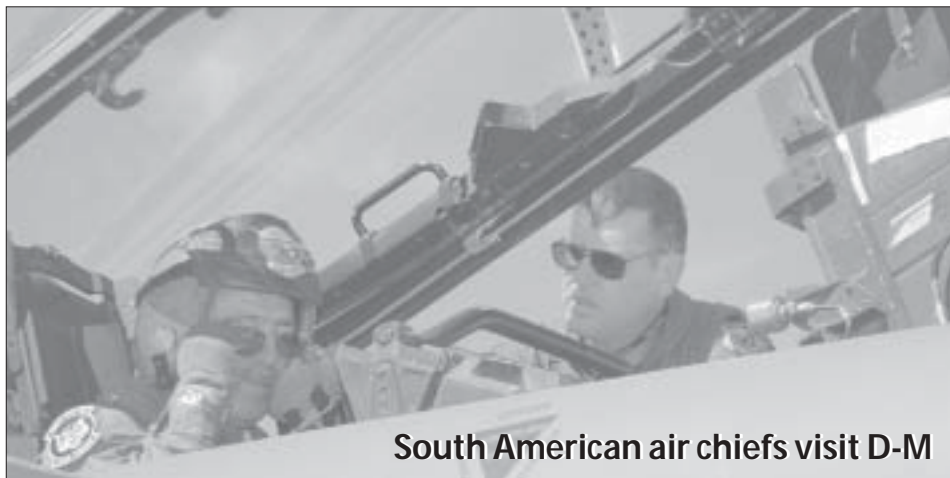


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### South American air chiefs visit D-M

Airman Veronica Pierce

Lt. Col. Stephen Schwartz, 391st Fighter Squadron F-15E pilot from Mountain-Home Air Force Base, Idaho, briefs Ecuadorian air force chief of staff Brig. Gen. Angel Cordova prior to a familiarization flight here last week. General Cordova; Lt. Gen. Atheneu Azambuja, Brazil's Air Defense Command com-

mander; Gen. Edgar Lesmez, Colombia's air force chief of staff; and Gen. Orlando Denegri, Peru's air force chief of staff, visited Davis-Monthan Sept. 7 to 11 as part of the Andean Ridge Air Chiefs Conference hosted by Lt. Gen. Randall "Mark" Schmidt, 12th Air Force commander.

## Airmen receive UCMJ punishment

◆ An airman 1st class from the 563rd Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to airman, restriction to D-M for 45 days and 45 days extra duty for **failing to refrain from condoning alcohol use of an underage drinker**. This was a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ An airman 1st class from the 563rd MXS received a reduction to airman, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand for **stealing numerous items from the main base exchange**. This was a violation of Article 121 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman 1st class from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron received a reduction to airman, a suspended punishment to airman basic and 45 days extra duty for **underage drinking, failing to wear personal protec-**

**tive equipment and for making a false statement**. These were violations of Articles 92 and 107 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman 1st class from the 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron was **discharged with a general characterization for a pattern of misconduct**, supported by one Article 15 and three letters of reprimand.

*(Editors note: Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Judge Advocates Office. The same offense can result in different punishments for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, which include: the offender's service record, previous incidents, seriousness of the offense and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)*

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10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and  
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355th Security Forces Crime Stop..228-4444  
Safety.....228-5558  
(After duty hours).....909-0316  
Base locator.....228-3347  
TIPS Line.....228-TIPS (8477)

## News Notes

### Fiscal requirements

The 355th Contracting Squadron is implementing guidelines for processing fiscal 2004 end-of-year requirements and fiscal 2005 service requirements. Funded and unfunded Air Force Form 9s for end-of-year requests and advance planning for fiscal 2005 must be prepared and submitted through resource advisors. For more information, call Rhonda Chavez at 228-4180.

### Airman Manuals

Orderly room personnel can pick up new Airman Manuals at Building 5129, from 8 to 11 a.m. The manuals are an accountable item and must be distributed and tracked by orderly rooms. For more information, call 228-5125.

### Medical Group telephone survey

The 355th Medical Group was selected to participate in a telephone survey to receive feedback about outpatient visits. Calls will be made Mondays through Fridays from 5 to 8 p.m. The caller does not have access to personal medical information nor will patients be requested to provide that information. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Judy Khamphan at 228-2919.

### Legal office services

The 355th Wing Legal Office provides on-site legal assistance to any squadron on Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. Legal office personnel will travel to squadrons to draft wills and powers of attorney and to notarize documents. For more information regarding the various services the legal office provides, call 228-5242.

### Speakers needed

Military and civilian personnel are authorized and encouraged to make public appearances and speak to audiences unfamiliar with the Air Force. If you've been asked to speak about the Air Force or your job, contact the 355th Wing Public Affairs Office for further guidance. For information on the Base Speakers Bureau, contact Janie McLaury at 228-5091.

### Terrorism history

September 19, 1989 Union des Transports Aeriennes Flight 772, which originated in Chad, broke up over the Sahara Desert in Niger when a bomb in the forward cargo hold exploded. A total of 156 passengers and 15 crew were killed, leaving no survivors. The brother-in-law of Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and five other Libyans were put on trial in absentia for the bombing of Flight 772.

# From HAS-sle to castle

41st Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron 'cleans house' to build new home

By Senior Airman Matthew Rosine  
416th Air Expeditionary Group  
Public Affairs

KARSHI-KHANABAD AIR BASE, Uzbekistan — Stepping out of the sweltering heat into the cool shadows of hardened aircraft shelter 21, many visitors might notice the new coats of paint on the walls or the freshly swept floors and the spacious room.

But the former Soviet-era HAS

wasn't always so fresh, clean and inviting. Formerly used as a storage/depot area, the unused, cobwebbed HAS sat in a deteriorating state for some time.

But after days of elbow grease and determination, the men and women of the 41st Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron are turning the former storage area into a new home.

"Two weeks ago we were told that this was a possibility," said

Tech. Sgt. Matthew Vera, 41st EECS hydraulics technician and expeditor, deployed here from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. "We were so excited that we crossed our fingers and started the project anyway."

To begin the "home improvement" project, the maintainers had to clean the HAS and make it serviceable. This project involved the destruction of makeshift shelving and partitions and removing

truckloads of waste, dirt and lumber. Much of the material was salvaged and re-used, becoming new walls, new flooring, shelves and creative squadron signs for the HAS.

Before painting could begin, hours of pressure washing, cleaning and preparation had to be done.

Painting the newly constructed

See *HAS*, page 5

## D-M commemorates 9/11 with homes

By Master Sgt. Brian Blangsted  
355th Wing Public Affairs

September 11 arrived in Tucson with the sounds of the third annual Building Freedom Day as hundreds of volunteers helped Habitat for Humanity. After paying respect to the victims of Sept. 11, construction began on eleven homes. In fact, Building Freedom Day creates a lasting legacy to the American spirit and to those who gave so much Sept. 11, 2001.

Over the past two Building Freedom Days, D-M volunteers worked on more than a dozen houses. This year, the D-M community stepped up again. For the first time they built one house set aside for Air Force members.

"I had requested up to 180 folks. I got swamped with replies, well over 250 people volunteered for Saturday," said Tech. Sgt. David Sublette, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 11, D-M's HFH representative. "I requested and received 20 additional slots from HFH for a total of 200. I told everyone that didn't make this build that there would be future opportunities to volunteer. It was like we simply snapped our fingers and received more than enough volunteers."

Habitat for Humanity Tucson is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing in Tucson. They have built more than 200 homes in the Tucson area since 1980.

This year's Building Freedom Day was a "blitz" style build of 11 homes that started at 6 a.m. and ended at 7 p.m. The foundations for the new homes were poured beforehand, so work started from the walls up. Habitat for Humanity provided all tools, materials and training. With volunteers and the construction supervisors on hand, the homes rose rapidly, with the first nail driven by one of the future homeowners.

With the houses going up, the temperature rose as well, but enthusiasm remained extremely high as Tucson and D-M worked hard to complete the task at hand. The HFHT and local businesses donated food and drinks to keep them going, with people bringing water and ice cream to the volunteers.

Twelve Airman Leadership School students were on hand; three of the 12 had worked with HFH before. When asked what he thought of the project, Staff. Sgt. David Gribble, 612th Aircraft Intelligence Squadron and ALS class commander said, "It's a lot of work [but] it's a great program; it really is. And in the process it builds team unity."

For Capt. Raymundo Estrada, 612th Combat Operations Squadron, and his wife Sherry, this was their first time working with HFHT. "It's pretty cool that a lot of people are

Tech. Sgt. James Wilson, 355th Communications Squadron, nails in the insulation on a house he is constructing as part of a community project with Habitat for Humanity. The event is designed to pay tribute to 9/11 victims.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

Volunteers from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base work to help construct a home for the Habitat for Humanity project on the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

here from different organizations, and we get to know each other," Captain Estrada said over the sounds of sawing and hammering. "I didn't realize the scope of the project."

Captain Estrada said that while Sherry had done carpentry before they did not need to worry about having experience because, "they pretty much help you and explain everything."

It will take approximately two years for the entire neighborhood to be complete.

From the Habitat for Humanity Tucson Web site, HFHT provides an innovative solution to the crisis in affordable housing and seeks to build hope and revitalize communities. With the hope and confidence a home can provide, many HFHT families receive a life-altering approach to life.

With the sun setting and new homes silhouetting against the Arizona sky, this Sept. 11th will be remembered as a day D-M was a wingman to the community.



# HAS

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bare concrete office areas in the back part of the HAS, plywood walls and doors, and rusting blast doors was the next major task completed. The squadron has now developed plans to build an office structure inside the HAS with two separate offices and a study/break room. The squadron is also looking into moving the Life Support flight into the HAS as well as establishing semi-permanent maintenance work areas with adequate lighting and power, and a supply shop and storage area.

The demolition, clean-up and construction teams assembled during their off-duty hours before and after their 12-hour work shifts in order to accomplish their goal. Currently, the volunteers have put more than 80 man-hours of clean-up on HAS 21. The volunteers have used more than 1,000 man-hours on improvements, more than 35 gallons of paint and over a ton of various other materials on the project.

"We have had as many as 10 to 15 people volunteering at a time," Sergeant Vera said. "This really means a lot to us."

The maintenance flight has been operating out of a couple of tents in a gravel lot since their arrival in April of this year. So, when the opportunity arose to move into a home, the

squadron jumped at the chance.

"We have really been pushing to make things better," said Tech. Sgt. Gary Piatkowski, 41st EECS instruments and flight controls technician, deployed here from D-M. "It has been tough. For the past six months we have had 40 to 50 people working out of a double-tent.

For the long-term, this is really what we need."

But from the start, the squadron knew it would have its hands full.

"It was bad," Sergeant Vera said. "We literally had to gut it. There was rot from termites and water. We had to tear out and rebuild practically everything."

"It was a big project," Sergeant Piatkowski said, "but it has been worth it. It has improved our camaraderie and morale. It is a better home and better working environment, and anything that betters the unit and betters morale betters the mission."

As completion of the project heads into the final stretch, these dedicated volunteers are ready to do what it takes to finish their new home.

"If we had the materials and the permission, we would do it ourselves and move in today," Sergeant Piatkowski said. "And, we would be happy to do it."



Tech. Sgt. Matthew Vera

Airmen from the 41st Expeditionary Electronic Combat Squadron repaint hardened aircraft shelter 21 at Karshi-Khanabad Air Base.

"The professionals of the 41st EECS maintenance flight have a new home in a hardened aircraft shelter, fittingly named the Scorpion's Den," said Lt. Col. Chuck Schnarr, 41st EECS commander, deployed here from D-M. "The improved facilities will help the maintenance Scorpions continue their stellar performance delivering fully mission capable aircraft for the support of coalition forces in Operation Enduring Freedom."

With this project, the Airmen of the 41st EECS demonstrated that installation stewardship does not stop at the front gate of D-M, it extends to where ever we live.

# Oktoberfest

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According to Frances Pientack, 355th SVS Community Center director, the Squadron Bed Race involves five-man teams pushing a bed through a race track and obstacle course. Teams are responsible for building their own racing beds. The requirements are that they have a twin mattress, a frame made out of any material, four wheels of any size and a name.

A live band will provide music for the event and German food and beverages will be available for purchase.

The wide variety of activities offered at the Oktoberfest are just one way the community center is working to maintain the Desert Lightning team concept.

"This is a Community Center Core Program," Ms. Pientack said. "These programs focus on community and creating ways to bring people together. The Oktoberfest is a great way to celebrate the end of the hot summer days and the coming of the fall months and cooler weather."

In addition to celebrating the decrease in temperatures, the event is also a time to remind people of the importance of safety and awareness in all things.

The bed race is one of the community center's trademark events, Mr. Sweeney said. "The event not only provides an avenue for squadron personnel to get together, have some fun and maybe win one of the prizes; it also keeps the focus on safety as we finish out the fiscal year."

The end of the summer also provides the D-M community the opportunity to look ahead instead of behind them.

"We need to take time out to enjoy each other's company and focus on friends, family and fun - that is what the Oktoberfest activities will help us do," said Michael Barnes, 355th Wing ground safety manager.

Hosted by the community center, Oktoberfest activities will be located on the back patio of The Desert Oasis.

"Although the event is all outside, it will show that the club can be a fun place to visit," Mr. Sweeney said. "The event will highlight the club's long tradition of, and the community center's dedication to, promoting esprit de corps and camaraderie among Airmen."

The entire Desert Lightning Community, including family members, are invited to the event.

For more information about the Oktoberfest, contact the Davis-Monthan Community Center at 228-3717.

## Hispanic Heritage Month

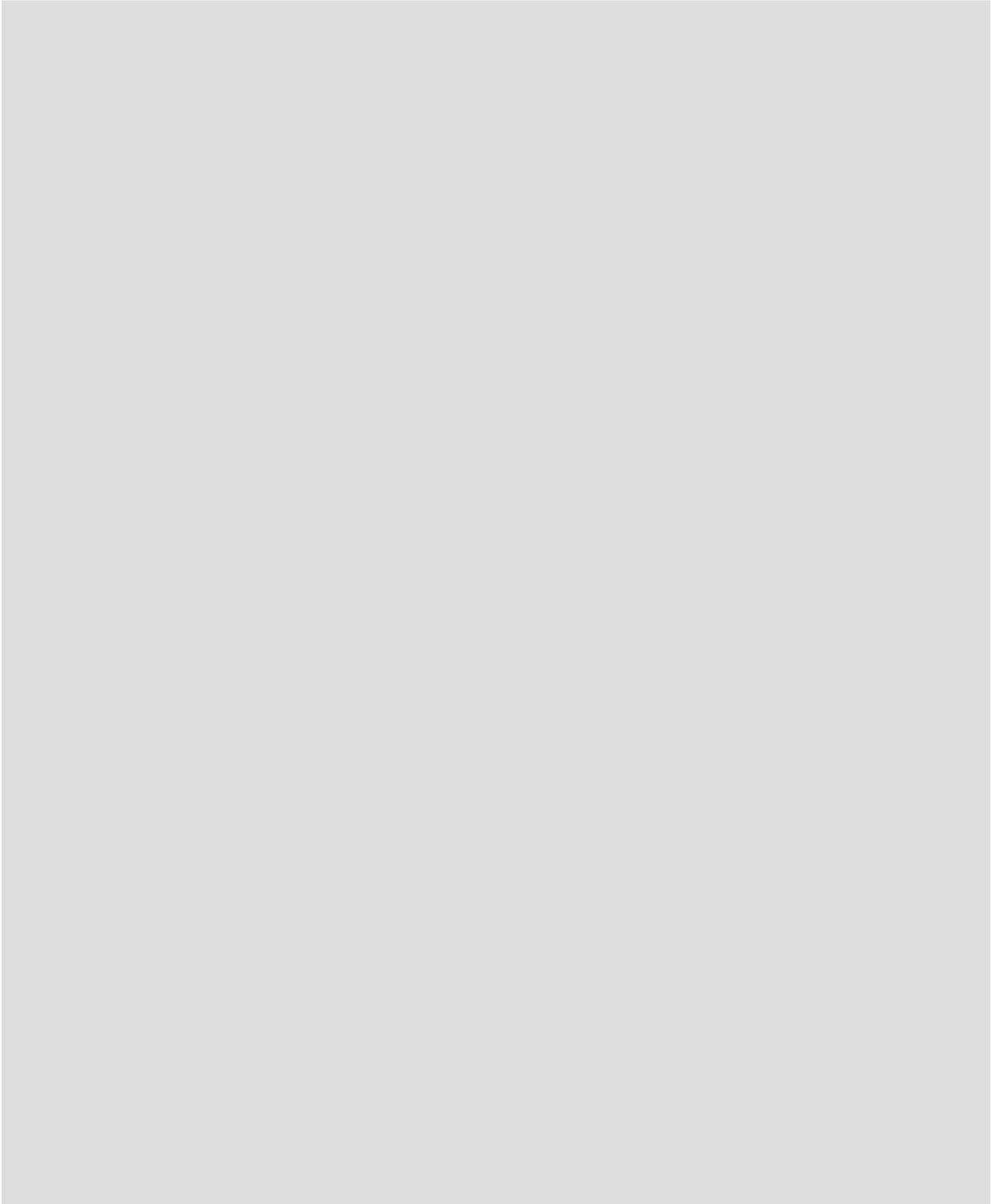
In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month-long celebration. During this month, America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. Sept. 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries — Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.

Members of the Davis-Monthan Community are invited to join in and celebrate this year's Hispanic Heritage Month with a wide variety of activities including a Spanish Mass Sunday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. In addition, there will be Children's Reading Programs at the Dorothy H.

Finley Child Development Center  
Sept. 28 and 30 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and at the D-M CDC Sept. 29 from 3 to 4 p.m. and Oct. 1 from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. For more information, call Capt. Carlos Carter, 12th Air Force, at 228-0175.







# CDCs offer kids home away from home

Story and photos by  
Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

The military child development centers were recognized April 17, 1997, as a model for federal, state, tribal and local child care agencies nationwide.

The positive attributes of affordable, high quality child care are still alive and well in today's CDC system.

"[They are considered to be the best because] all Air Force child development centers must be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children along with our annual unannounced Air Force higher headquarter inspection," said Maureen Cunningham, 355th Services Squadron Dorothy H. Finley Child Development Center director. The Air Force caregivers receive background checks and also have an extensive 18 month on-the-job-training program for every staff member. Air Force caregivers also receive first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training annually and receive up to 52 fire, safety, health and other inspections throughout the year. The Air Force's goal is to provide the best quality childcare in the world.

Providing such high standards gives Airmen peace-of mind because they can rest assured that their child is getting the best care available, said Delores Lorenzen, 355th Services Squadron D-M Child Development Center director.

While Airmen can relax knowing their children are safe, they also know their children are learning many valuable skills at the CDCs.

According to Ms. Cunningham, "the goal of every classroom is to foster positive identity and sense of emotional well being, enhance social skills, encourage children to think, reason, question and experiment, promote language and literacy development, build physical development and skills, support sound health, safety and nutritional practices, advance creative expression, representation and appreciation for the arts, appreciate and respect cultural diversity and develop initiative and decision making skills."

To help develop and nurture these skills for all age groups, children participate in a variety of activities during the day.

"They play in various activity centers such as a dramatic center, blocks, library center, sensory table, art center, music center, manipulative center and block center," Ms. Lorenzen said. "Both [CDCs] have fun outdoor play areas where they can run, climb and ride tricycles."

The CDCs offer these priceless lessons to children at affordable prices.

"The cost varies according to each family's combined in-



Taeyler Gygi, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Heidi Gygi, 355th Wing, and Staff Sgt. Stephen Gygi, 355th Aerospace Medicine Squadron, slides down the slide at the D-M Child Development Center.

come," Ms. Lorenzen said. "The cost range is from \$62 to \$129 per week."

Weekly rates include three separate meals: breakfast, lunch and late afternoon snack.

The CDCs can also help those members participating in base exercises by extending their operating hours from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

While both facilities have their own maximum number of children for specific age groups, one thing is the same:

"There is a waiting list for both centers," Ms. Lorenzen said. "Currently there is a waiting list for [children] from six weeks to six months and six months to 12 months. There is [currently] no waiting list for toddlers or preschool age children."

For more information on the CDCs, or to enroll a child, contact Ms. Lorenzen at 228-3336 or Ms. Cunningham at 228-6463.

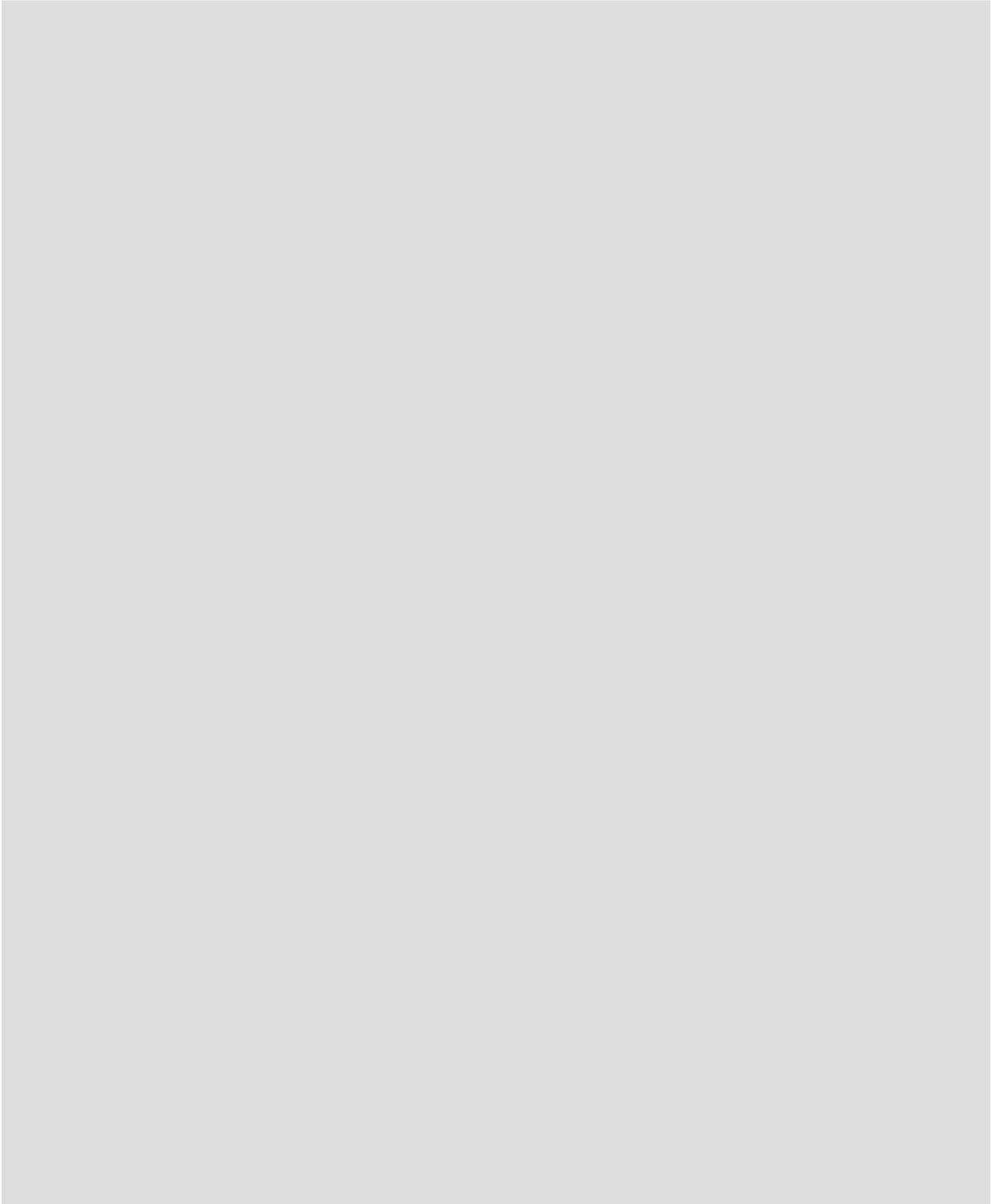


Carrie Lockner, Dorothy H. Finley Child Development Center, helps Gloryssell Moreno, daughter of Staff Sgt. Melisa Moreno, 612th Support Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Francisco Moreno, 79th Rescue Squadron make a paper mache' mask.



(From left to right) Aaron Schlick, son of Senior Airman Frank Schlick and Staff Sgt. Melissa Schlick, both with the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Autumn High, daughter of Senior Airman Paul High, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and Tamsin Bennett, daughter of Staff Sgt. Laura Bennett, 75th Operations Support Squadron, and Staff Sgt. Brandon Bennett, 41st Electronic Combat Squadron, enjoy the outdoors while painting pictures.







# Final Answer

*If you could be anyone for a day, who would it be?*



**Airman 1st Class  
Tommy Hotopp**  
355th Equipment  
Maintenance Squadron

*"If I could be anyone for a day, I would want to be the commander because I would like to better understand what he does during the day."*



**Master Sgt.  
Luis Almanza**  
12th Air Force

*"If I could be anyone for a day, I would be my mom because I admire her strength and strong will."*



**Tech. Sgt.  
Kevin Powell**  
612th Combat  
Operations Squadron

*"I would like to be Tiger Woods because he's the best at what he does and it's a job I'd like to do myself."*



**Senior Airman  
Michael Schmidt**  
372nd Training  
Squadron

*"I'd be the president of the United States for a day so I could see how the White House operates."*



**Airman 1st Class  
Garrett Jones**  
355th Communications  
Squadron

*"I would be my wife, Maureen, for a day just to see first-hand how it would be to put up with me."*



**Airman 1st Class  
Daniel Schwen**  
612th Air  
Intelligence Squadron

*"I would like to be Lt. Gen. Randall 'Mark' Schmidt for a day so I could have the responsibilities of the 12th Air Force."*

**(Editors note:** Next week's Final Answer question is, "What would you like to achieve prior to leaving the Air Force?" If you would like to submit an answer for an upcoming edition of the Final Answer column, or would like to give new ideas and suggestions for the column, contact the Desert Airman staff at [desert.airman@dm.af.mil](mailto:desert.airman@dm.af.mil) or Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy at 228-5714.)



# myPay puts Airmen in control of their pay

Maj. Cynthia Lesinski  
355th Comptroller Squadron commander

How many times have you trudged on over to the finance office with your Leave and Earnings Statement in order to ask some questions? How about the dreaded trip to the finance office with your paperwork in hand only to find the customer service lobby full when you had a simple change to make to your pay information? Have you ever been frustrated when your troops were away from their duty sections for long periods of time because of a prolonged wait at the finance office? Well, Air Force Financial Management

professionals are rapidly taking positive strides to improve our payroll services to ensure combat capability is not sitting in customer service lobbies.

Transforming business practices to provide world-class customer service so our Airmen can keep the focus on their mission is our number one goal. Changing the Air Force financial customer service culture towards self-service transactions on the World Wide Web is a key component of our financial transformation strategy. One highly successful tool with unlimited potential is the Defense Finance and Accounting Service's myPay. This web-based system has

already significantly reduced the time many folks spend away from their duty areas conducting financial business. I need your active involvement to ensure the entire force, both military and civilian, are aware of the benefits of myPay in order to take advantage of the outstanding services this tool offers.

Currently, myPay offers members the ability to conduct pay transactions in a secure environment 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. We have the ability to view, print and save our LESs three days prior to

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## People, skills make United States Air Force work

By Lt. Col. Russell Quinn  
52nd Operations Support Squadron

SPANGDAHLE AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) — "It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; ... who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at best, knows the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls

who know neither victory nor defeat." Spoken by Teddy Roosevelt, April 23, 1910, during his "Man in the Arena" speech.

So what is your story? What is it that made you choose this line of work anyway?

I ask only to point out something you may not have considered. This is an amazing time to be in the service of our country, and an even more amazing time to be a member of the United States Air Force. Consider these two things:

The U.S. Air Force is by far the most powerful, precise and advanced air force that exists on Earth today. You are part of that. In fact, you are integral to that power and precision. You need to know, whoever you are or what-

ever your skill level, that we would not be as strong as we are without you.

Equipment is great, but the people make the Air Force work. Ask anybody inside or outside our military. The individuals we work with today are the smartest, most talented and motivated group of people we will most likely ever work with in our life.

We're very lucky that they are so focused when you consider the critical nature of our current conflict.

Our window of opportunity to make a difference is a relatively small window.

For some people, it will be four to six years; for others, it may be 20 to 25 years. Either way, we as individual members of the U.S.

Air Force will spend the vast majority of our lives outside the service of our country. You may not look at your service this way, but I look at it that way every day.

Having joined at the age of 18 and served continuously until this day, I feel so very fortunate to have experienced so many things in the service of this great nation.

There is plenty of time in the future to wake up knowing that some other individual is in the arena; right now, it's our time.

Consider that, and if you feel the same way I do, appreciate every minute, value every brother and sister in arms and continue doing the outstanding work that you do every day.



## Sonoran Spotlight

(Editor's note: Sonoran Spotlight is a weekly feature of the Desert Airman that profiles a member - officer, enlisted or civilian - of the Desert Lightning community.)



Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy

*This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Airman 1st Class Christina Fields from the 55th Rescue Squadron. Airman Fields is an aviation management apprentice. According to her supervisor, Master Sgt. Richard Tabor, she was nominated because, "she gets the job done and isn't easily intimidated. She is the person everyone goes to for answers from flight orders to formatting equipment for loading secure radios."*

*The following are Airman Fields's responses to a variety of questions.*

**Career goals:** To complete my college education and become the first female chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

**If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force?** I would tell them how well they treat the people with all the benefits, education and traveling. **What is the best advice you've**

**received in the Air Force?** To apply yourself and don't judge those who try and fail; judge those who fail to try.

**Your most memorable moment in the Air Force?** I would have to say graduating basic training. It was a great feeling to see how proud my family was of me.

**Name someone who inspires you:** My mother, she is my rock; she is always there to support and feed me knowledge on life.

## myPay

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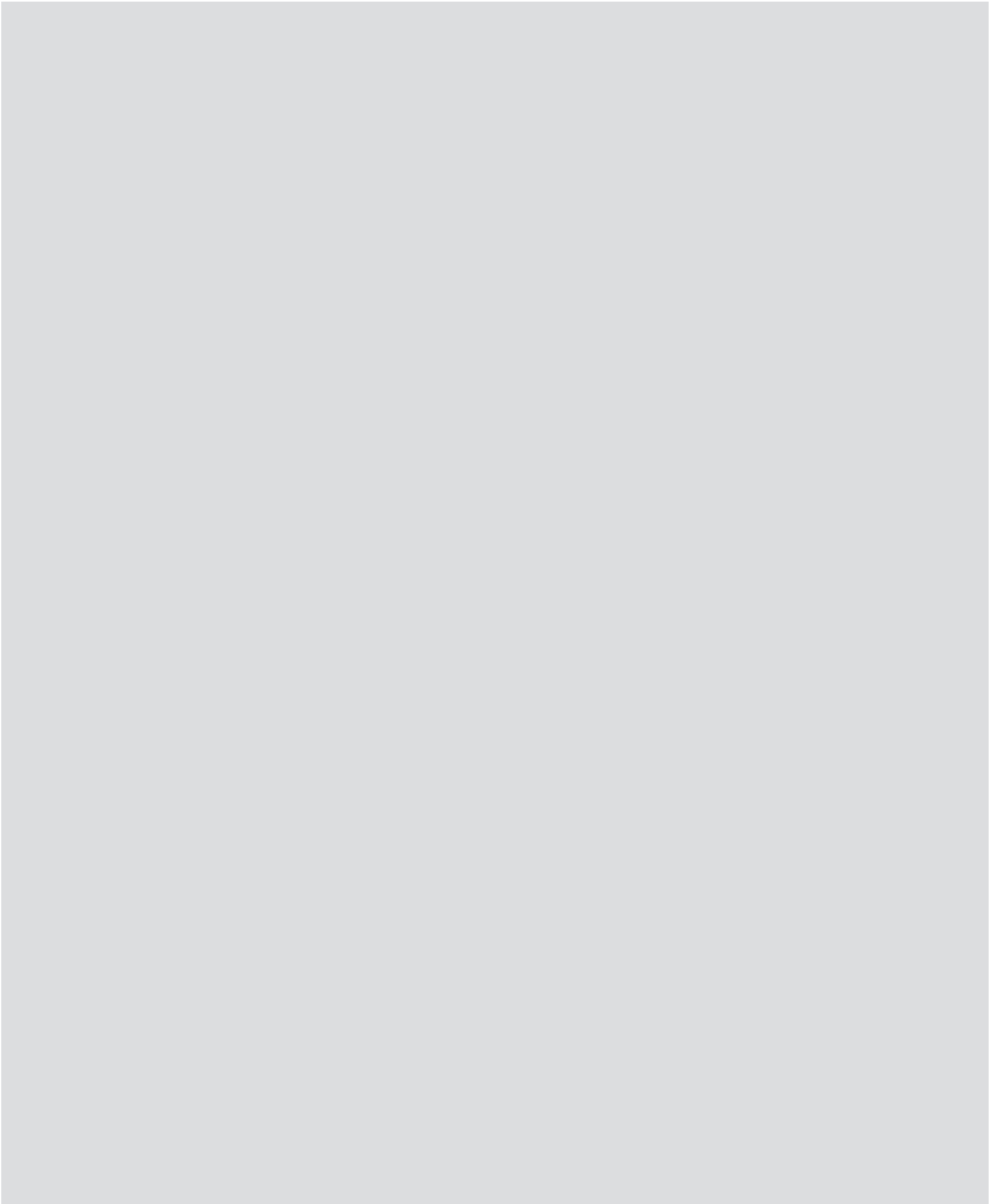
payday. The newest changes allow us to view expanded lists of pay statements, update address changes for financial correspondence, review W-2 forms and the ability to update our Thrift Savings Plans. In the near future, members will also have the ability to adjust allotments, as well as provide a "read only" access to our spouses' or other designee's account.

The time is quickly approaching to estab-

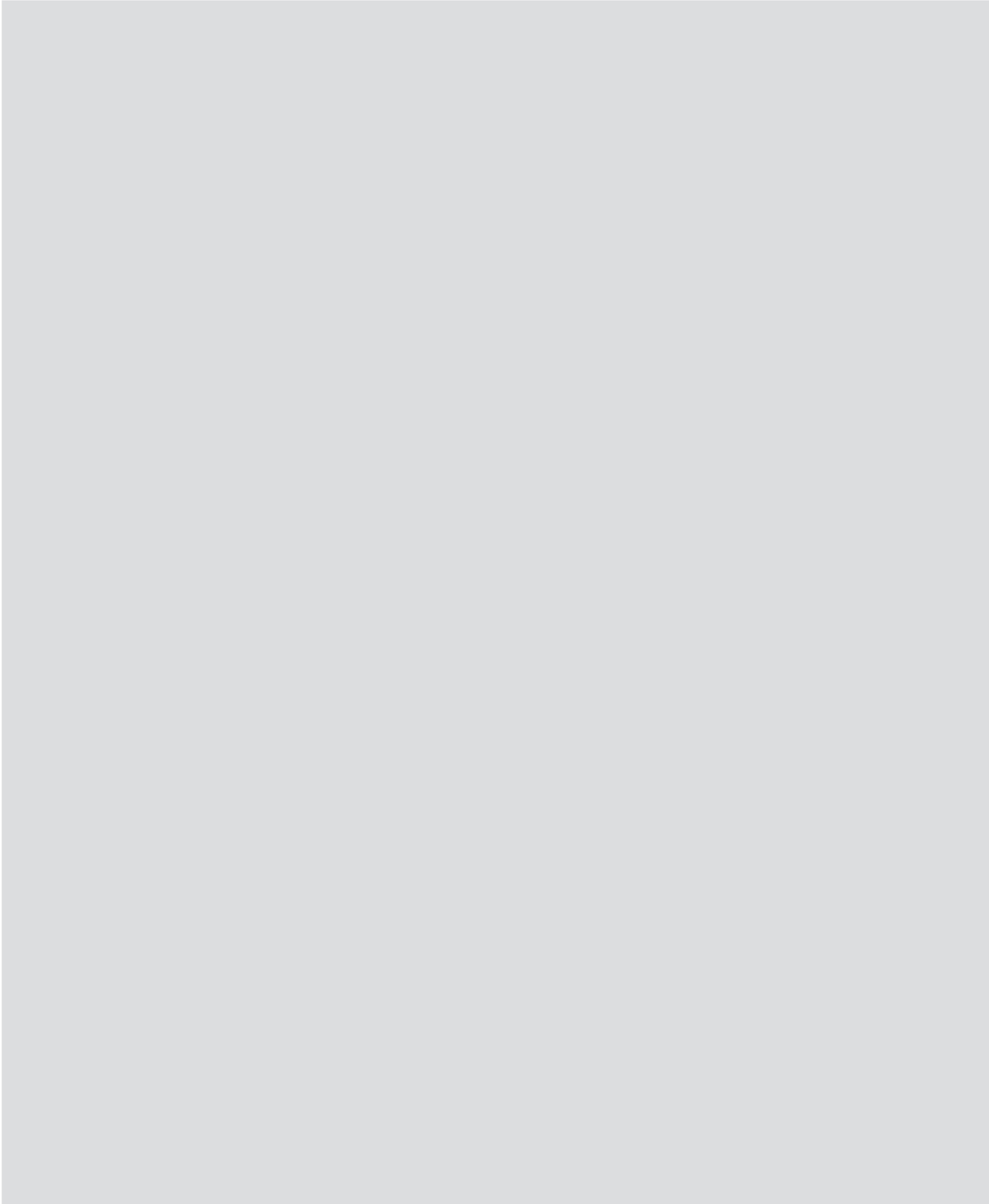
lish our myPay accounts. Sept. 30, myPay will become the primary means for all military members to access their pay information. At this time, all hard copy Leave and Earning Statements will be discontinued. Mandatory use of myPay for civilians is under negotiation at the national level and will not be required at this time. Members should establish a myPay account through the self-registration Web site at <http://www.dfas.mil/mypay>. Simply selecting the "New PIN" icon at the myPay Web site allows the member to establish a "PIN on demand" delivered to the member's official e-mail address within

minutes of the request. Members can also stop by the finance office where our customer service folks can help them apply for a temporary PIN. Upon receipt of that temporary PIN, the member will have 30 days to log on to the myPay Web site in order to establish a permanent PIN.

Obtaining pay statements and conducting routine pay transactions via the Web will soon replace waiting in line at the finance office's customer service center. Use of myPay allows our members to control certain aspects of their pay while providing enhanced flexibility from home or abroad.









Photos by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Airmen in Tops in Blue entertained members from the local Tucson and D-M community Sunday. The free performance of the Tops in Blue was held at the Tucson Convention Center.

Last Sunday, local community members from Tucson and Davis-Monthan Air Force Base came together to enjoy a night filled with entertainment from the Tops in Blue at the Tucson Convention Center.

The Tops in Blue theme this year is "Musicology" covering all forms of music genres to include: R&B, rock, country, swing and jazz.

Tops in Blue are expeditionary Airmen who have traveled and performed in various locations including the United States, overseas bases and deployed locations such as Iraq to encourage good morale.

According to their Web site, the Tops in Blue have been part of Air Force tradition since 1953, when Maj. Al Reilly created the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest to recognize talented Airmen in various categories ranging from comedy, drama, individual vocals, gospel, vocal and instrumental

groups, country and western, and several others.

His idea was to discover the highest caliber of entertainment and provide it for Air Force families throughout the world, thus the phrase "family entertaining family" was first adopted in the new Air Force talent program.

Furthermore, Major Reilly knew that while there were many athletic competitions, there was nothing for those with different talents.

The Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest provided an excellent setting for the up and coming Air Force entertainers to display their talents.

Major Reilly then selected the top talent from the competition and produced a show with a troupe of the best Air Force entertainers, which ultimately became known as Tops

in Blue.

The debut tour traveled on a grueling trek, giving 230 shows in 235 days.

That breakneck pace continues today. What made that so amazing then is still true today: most shows are not performed at the same location twice.

The cast must unpack, setup, do the show, tear down, pack it up and drive/fly to the next place each time.

The Tops in Blue perform 160 shows annually now.

The first cast entertained over 320,000 active duty military members and their families, firmly planting the Tops in Blue seed and cultivating the deepest dedication by this initial group of performers.

For more information or to view their touring schedule, visit the Tops in Blue Web site at <http://www-p.afsv.af.mil/tib/>.



(Above) Members of Tops in Blue sang various types of songs from R&B and rock to country and swing and have been a part of Air Force tradition providing entertainment to Airmen and their families since 1953.

(Left) Tops in Blue performed various types of songs, which required different group ensembles to sing and various costume changes.

# America provides yard of freedom for beliefs to grow

By Chaplain (Capt.) Matthew Boarts  
355th Wing Chapel

## Ask the Chaplain



Be proud of who you are. The pluralistic religious environment of America gives us freedom to hold and express our beliefs. To fully take advantage of this rare freedom, we need to have an in-depth knowledge of the faith we hold.

Gaining knowledge of our faith background requires discipline and effort. One of the best first steps is to begin or continue regular attendance at a single house of worship. Second, it is important to attend studies led by religious leaders. Third, home study helps a lot (yes, homework is required.) Fourth, discussion with others who hold the same belief helps answer questions and gives encouragement.

Regular attendance at a single house of worship is the most important element of deepening our knowledge of faith. Attending different places all the time will not provide

the opportunity to learn your faith in depth. We need to be completely familiar with the style of worship, the style of teaching and the style of leadership. Only then will we begin to strengthen our knowledge of faith.

Worship is vital; study is important. Study takes time to dissect ideas explaining the context, history and implication of religion. The fruits of study will be increased enjoyment of worship and a more confident faith. Study takes effort, but all worthwhile things take effort.

Just like in school, we can't expect to retain everything from classroom sessions. We need time to study on our own. The home study effort will make the classroom work more enjoyable and beneficial. Home study also helps lead us to value our faith. Home study is most fruitful when we have a plan. Religious leaders can give us the direction we need to

develop a meaningful plan and the accountability to make sure we keep at it.

Finally, going through any journey in life alone is no fun. We need support, encouragement and fellowship with others. Companionship benefits us in many ways. Seeking others who are on the same spiritual journey will offer strength for difficult times. Others also lead us to a deeper joy in our faith and give us accountability and encouragement to keep going when we don't feel like it.

Fall is a time of beginning new pursuits in self-improvement. It is a time to dedicate ourselves to deepening our religious faith. It's easy to get started or continue this rewarding journey. Attend worship regularly, attend studies, study at home and seek fellowship and the journey will unfold day by day.

The base chapel offers many opportunities for worship and studies. Each of the chaplains are ready to help those of any faith background connect to their faith community. For more detail, call the chapel at 228-5411.

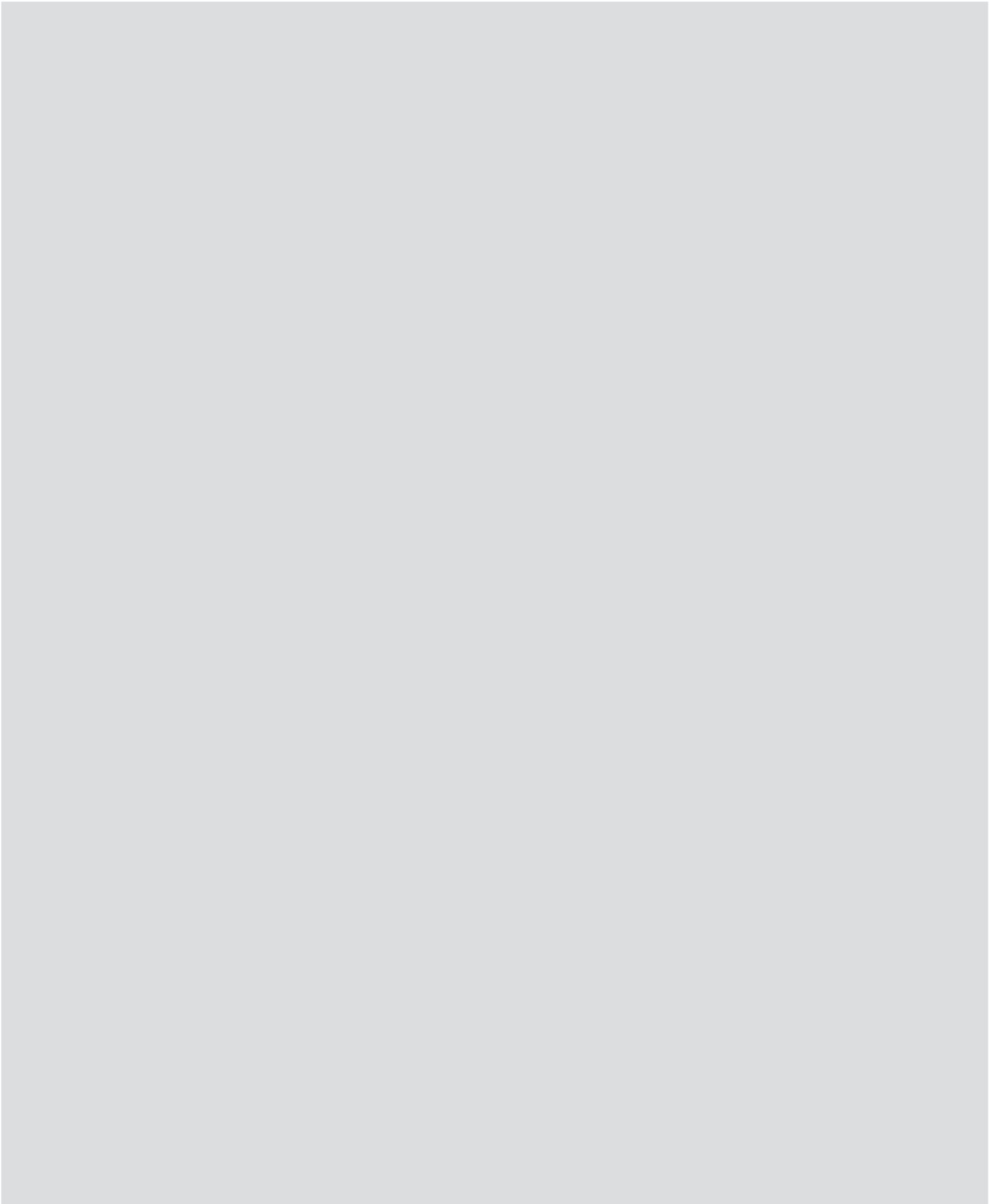
Desert Lightning Freebies

Rent one camping item at the weekend rate of \$3 or more from outdoor recreation and receive one weekend rental item valued at \$3 or less for the same weekend.

Limit one coupon per customer. Expense to GLAC 752A5. Expires Sept. 24, 2004.

Desert Lightning Freebies







Photos by Airman Veronica Pierce

(Above) Col. Cesar Rodriguez, 355th Mission Support Group, checks to make sure Col. Dewey Holmes, 355th Maintenance Group, putt is aligned. The putt was for a birdie on the first hole for the Air Force Ball golf tournament.

(Right) Tech. Sgt. Richard Aguirre, 355th Operational Support Squadron, tees off during the Air Force Ball golf tournament.

## It takes four to win

One hundred and twelve members of the Desert Lightning Community participated in a golf tournament Sept. 10 to help raise money for the Air Force Ball. The winning team was Staff Sgt. Michael Hodges, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Staff Sgt. Charles Tucci, Staff Sgt. Jared Rogness and Staff Sgt. Bryan Gizinski, all with the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.



## Sports Shorts

### Golf Intramural championships

Congratulations to the 12th Air Force Intramural Golf Team for winning this year's Intramural Championships. Members of the team who competed in the tournament Sept. 8 included Capt. Rob Koon, Master Sgt. Lynn Parker, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Courtney and Staff Sgt. Blaine Shultz. The second place winners were 355th Component Maintenance Squadron number one team. Members who played for 355th CMS in the tournament were Senior Master Sgt. Richard Goldman, Tech. Sgt. Jose Rivera, Tech. Sgt. Dave Ellis and Tech. Sgt. Wes Hines. The 12th Air Force team won the title with a final score of seven and a half to four and a half.

### ACC Golf Championships

The Blanchard Golf Course is scheduled to host the Air Combat Command Golf Championships from Wednesday to Sept. 24. Fifteen ACC bases with three member teams will be competing. There will be an Icebreaker Wednesday and championship play Thursday and Friday. D-M representatives will be Brig. Gen. Mark Stearns, 12th Air Force vice

commander, Airman 1st Class Ryan McAllister, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron, and retired Master Sgt. Steve Walton. Trophies and gift certificates will be awarded to top players in each of the three flights. For more information regarding the ACC tournament, call 228-5879.

### D-M's Varsity Baseball Team

The Men's Varsity Baseball Team is playing Saturday at Tucson Electric Park's Stadium Field at 1 p.m. This is a hardball, fast pitch team. Entrance into TEP is free, however, there will be no concession services. After the 1 p.m. game, the team will move to one of the practice fields for a 5 p.m. game. The entire Desert Lightning Community is invited to attend and support D-M sports. For more information, call 228-0021.

### Sunday Football at the Desert Oasis

Come out and have a great time Sunday at The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club for Sunday Football Frenzy, featuring National Football

## Fitness Center Classes

The following is a current list of classes offered at both fitness centers. Class fee is listed if applicable. For more information about any of the classes, visit either the New Fitness and Sports Center or Haeffner Fitness Center or call 228-0021.

### Monday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - New Fitness Center  
11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) - New FC  
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC  
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (15 years plus) - New FC

### Tuesday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - High - New FC  
10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - \$2 - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC  
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - New FC  
6 to 8 p.m. - Self Defense (Kyokushin) - \$25/month - New FC

### Wednesday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - Haeffner  
11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - Medium - New FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, orange belts and up) - New FC  
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8-14 yr olds, white and yellow belts) New FC  
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

### Thursday

9:15 to 10 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC  
10 to 11 a.m. - Senior/Low Impact Aerobics - \$2 - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Circuit Training - Haeffner  
5 to 6 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC  
5 to 6 p.m. - Spinning (Intense) - Haeffner  
6 to 7 p.m. - Pilates - \$2 - Haeffner  
6 to 8 p.m. - Kyokushin - \$25/month - New FC

### Friday

6 to 6:30 a.m. - Stomach Aerobics - New FC  
11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Pilates - \$2 - New FC  
11 a.m. to noon - Step Aerobics - Haeffner  
Noon to 1 p.m. - Spinning - Haeffner  
5 to 5:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, white and yellow belt) - New FC  
6 to 6:50 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (8 to 14 yrs, orange belts and up) New FC  
7 to 8 p.m. - Dang Soo Do (Adults) - New FC

### Saturday

10 to 11 a.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC  
11 to 11:45 a.m. - Water Aerobics - New FC

### Sunday

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Step Aerobics - \$2 - New FC

### Indoor pool hours

Mondays through Fridays 5 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m and Sundays and Holidays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Sports Shorts

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League Sunday Ticket. Watch up to six different NFL games every week on multiple screens. Doors open at 9 a.m. While there, enjoy a take out breakfast from the Eagles Nest restaurant or order a pizza, sub or side from Cabanas restaurant starting at noon. The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club is celebrating the 10th year of the Football Frenzy promotion. Club members have the opportunity to win prizes like a plasma television, a trip to a regular season National Football League game in Tampa Bay, Fla., tickets to the 2005 Super Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. or the 2005 Pro Bowl in Hawaii. They will have opportunities to take home local prizes including an X-Box System with a Madden NFL 2005 game. For more information, call 228-3100.

### Free foot reflexology

Members from the Arizona Reflexology Association will be at the new fitness and sports center Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reflexology is a hands-on art that helps to promote relaxation. It is based on the premise that the body is reflected in its parts such as the feet, hands and ears and

therefore, can be impacted through working the reflections of these areas. The Davis-Monthan Community will receive a free 10 to 15 minute demonstration on their feet. By working the feet, the practitioner can help the person become more aware of areas of their bodies that may be out of balance. Coaxing the body out of stress and into relaxation can allow the body to bring itself into equilibrium. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Ramey at the new Fitness and Sports Center at 228-0022.

### Ping Pong Challenge

There is a Ping Pong Challenge for pre-teens and teens from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 29 at the youth center. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, call 228-8844.

### Cycling program

The fitness and sports center is looking for anyone interested in joining an organized group for cycling. Those who are interested can call Staff Sgt. Alvester Johnson or Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Ramey at 228-0022.

### Horseback Trailride

There is a Fort Huachuca Horseback Trailride Sept. 25. Participants will arrive at Fort Huachuca for a 2-hour horseback trailride through the Huachuca mountains.

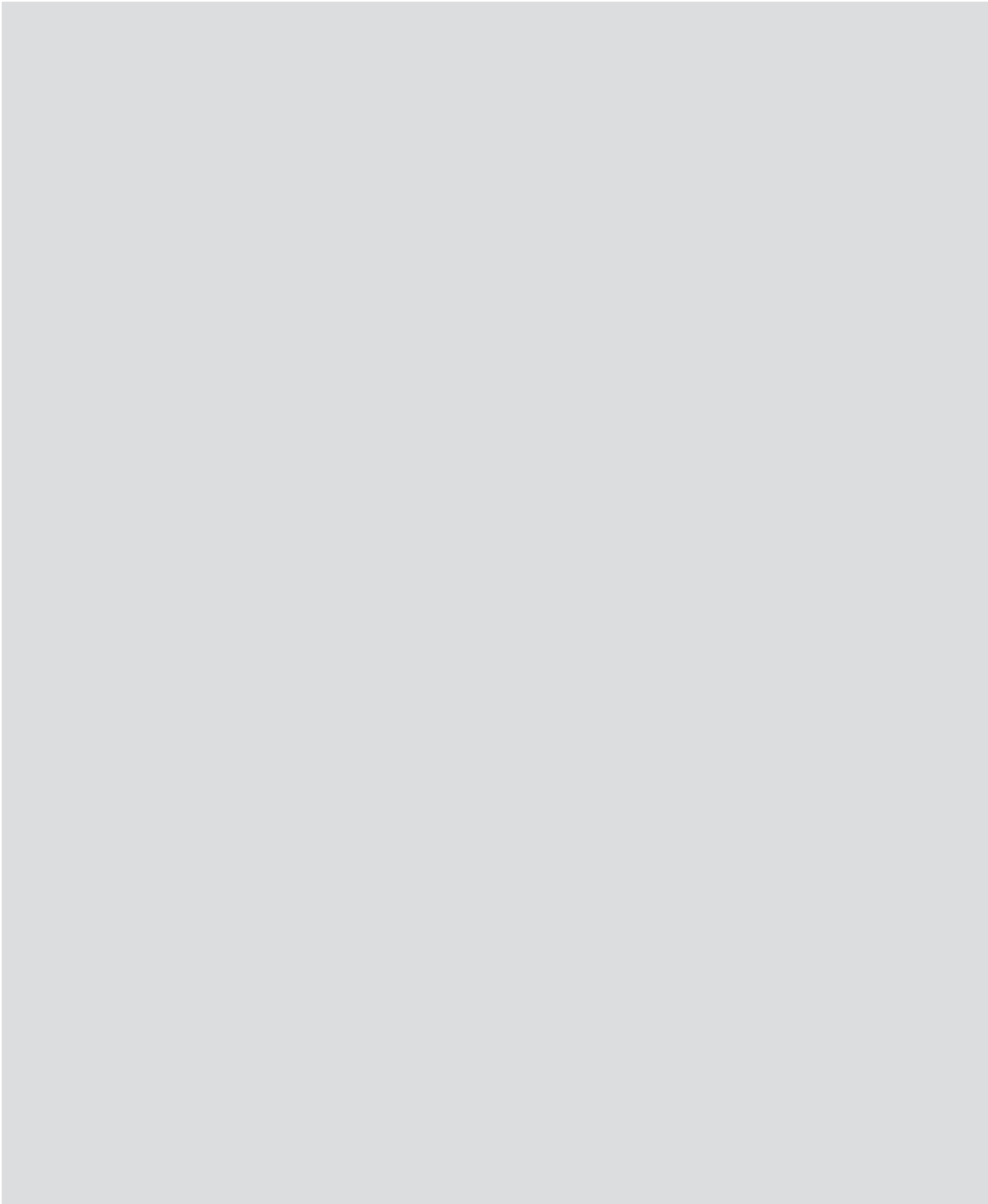
After the ride there will be a barbecue dinner. Participants must be seven years of age or older to ride, need to bring plenty of water and should dress for the weather. Sign up early as space is limited. The cost of \$40 includes transportation, dinner and trailride. For more information, call 228-3736.

### Operation Night Hoops

The youth center is now hosting Operation Night Hoops Saturdays through Oct. 15. The program incorporates basketball skills and tournament play with life skills workshops before or after the games. Downtown teams are also invited to make it more fun and challenging. The program fee is \$10 per person for teens ages 13 to 18 years. For more information, call 228-8844.

### Varsity sports teams

D-M's Women's Varsity Volleyball Team and Men's Varsity Baseball Team are looking for players. Anyone interested in playing volleyball should call Tech. Sgt. Thomas Wilson at 228-5680 or send an e-mail to [thomas.wilson2@dm.af.mil](mailto:thomas.wilson2@dm.af.mil). Those interested in trying out for the baseball team should call 2nd Lt. Carlos Salas at 228-3360 or send an e-mail to [carlos.salas@dm.af.mil](mailto:carlos.salas@dm.af.mil). For more information about either team, call the D-M Varsity Sports Office at 228-0018.





## Chapel Information

*Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.*

### Catholic Mass schedule

**Saturday:** Mass is at 5 p.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**Sunday:** Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m., Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

**Daily:** Mass is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m. at Desert Dove.

### Protestant Services schedule

**Sunday:** Contemporary Service is at 9:45 a.m. and Gospel Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.

## Education Services

### Veterans benefits

Veterans pursuing educational goals are usually eligible for educational assistance in most states, including the District of Columbia. Educational benefits for veterans and their dependents, particularly the children of deceased and disabled veterans, are also available in some states. The Web site [http://www.military.com/Education/Content?file=state\\_benefits.htm](http://www.military.com/Education/Content?file=state_benefits.htm) has developed an on-line general summary of educational benefits for veterans and their dependents. Use the interactive map to find information about individual state's veterans benefits.

### Education and scholarships

The Web site [www.military.com/education](http://www.military.com/education) provides information on the Montgomery GI Bill and tuition assistance. It also offers a searchable database of hundreds of military-related scholarships for service members, veterans and dependents as well as a comprehensive school finder that includes information about on-campus and online degree programs, credit for military service, American Council on Education, College-Level Examination Program and Defence Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

### Basic Math Skills

The Southern Arizona Institute of Advanced Training has a Math Skill Enhancement Program that provides individuals the skills needed to pursue technical training programs. The program is presented in a friendly relaxed environment. Students meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for 12 weeks. Four programs run from August 2004 to June 2005. For more information, call 573-7399 extension 110.

### Northern Arizona University advisor

The Northern Arizona University aca-

demic advisor will be available Wednesday in Building 3200, Room 264 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can be made by calling Debra Castelan at 879-7900 or [www.nau.edu/statewide](http://www.nau.edu/statewide).

### University of Phoenix advisor

The University of Phoenix academic advisor will be available Sept. 28 in Building 3200, Room 243 from 1 to 3 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome and appointments can be made by contacting Liz Cummins at 239-5252 or [liz.cummins@phoenix.edu](mailto:liz.cummins@phoenix.edu).

## Family Support Center

### Pre-separation Counseling

This class takes place at the family support center Tuesday and Sept. 28 from 9 to 10 a.m. This is mandatory for military members and will acquaint departing members with services and agencies available to help transition to the civilian workforce. The class size is limited to 10 attendees and should be scheduled no later than 90 days before separating. To sign up, call 228-5690.

### Time for Tots

The next Time for Tots programs will be Wednesday and Sept. 29 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call 228-5690.

### Mutual Funds 101

Mutual Funds 101 is a class that will cover the various categories of mutual funds and concepts of diversification and asset allocation. The class, which will serve as an introduction for those new to the world of mutual funds, is scheduled to take place Sept. 24 from 9 to 10 a.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. For more information about the class, or to sign up, call 228-5690.

### Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the Tucson community. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available. The next orientation is Sept. 28 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mirage Officers' Club. Medical Right Start is scheduled from 12:40 to 4 p.m. Free childcare is available but must be arranged ahead of time. For more information, call 228-5690.

## Happenings

### ASIST training

There is an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training scheduled for Thursday and Sept. 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. This program helps members

of the Desert Lightning Community be prepared to recognize and properly react to warning signs that another may be contemplating suicide. Space is limited so those who are interested are encouraged to sign up early. For more information, call Senior Airman Jennifer Coburn at 228-5411.

### Black Heritage Association

Everyone on base is invited to the BHA's meeting Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. in the Sahuaro Room at The Mirage Officers' Club. They are looking to invite new members or even volunteers to assist with brainstorming ideas for all 2004 to 2005 base wide events.

### Enlisted Spouses Association

The ESA is searching for new members. Spouses of enlisted, National Guard, Reserve, retired service members or single active duty Airmen who would like more information can call Tricia Attrill at 514-8900.

### Thrift shop

The thrift shop, located across from the bowling alley, is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with consignments closing at 1 p.m.

## Movies

*Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for DoD ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 228-5694.*

### Friday: I, Robot (PG-13)

Will Smith stars in this action thriller inspired by the classic short story collection by Isaac Asimov. In the year 2035, robots are an everyday household item and everyone trusts them, except one slightly paranoid detective played by Smith. He is investigating what he alone believes is a crime perpetrated by a robot. The case leads him to discover a far more frightening threat to the human race.

Now he must work to defend people from something they refuse to be afraid of. 1 hour; 55 minutes



### Saturday and Sunday: Harold and Kumar go to White Castle (R)

This film follows two likeable underdogs



who set out on a Friday night quest to satisfy their craving for White Castle hamburgers. However, they end up on a mind-altering road trip of epic proportions. 2 hours, 3 minutes



Chris Sweeney

## Becoming a club member

Susan King (right), 355th Services Club Operations assistant, congratulates Senior Airman Jason Zubal (center), 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, for signing up to be a club member and hands him \$10 in Services Bucks. At the same time, she hands Tech. Sgt. Max Ripple (left), 355th CMS, his monthly allotment of club member Services Bucks. Because Sergeant Ripple sponsored Airman Zubal to be a new club member, they will both receive free brunch for two as part of the club's "Fishin' for Membership" promotion. While Sergeant Ripple is now entered into the club's

"Fishin' for Membership" drawing for a new Playstation 2 combo pack, Airman Zubal is automatically entered for a chance to win up to \$3,000 in club card credit as part of Air Force Clubs "Get In On It" Membership Drive and is eligible to receive incredible discounts at over 40 off base businesses as part of the club's ongoing "Membership Pays" program. Both are eligible to win fantastic prizes, including a trip to the Super Bowl, when attending Football Frenzy events this year at the club. For more information, stop by either club or call 228-3301 or 228-3100.

## Services Activities

### Club Membership PCS transfers

A permanent change of station move is a busy time for any Air Force member. Air Force Clubs understands that maintaining continuity during PCS moves is important to our members. To make the transition easier, the member just needs to take a copy of their orders by their new club within 90 days of arrival. The cashier will assist the member in updating their mailing and contact information and give each transferring member \$25 in coupons to welcome them to their new club. For more information, stop by the clubs or call 228-3301 or 228-3100.

### Under 21 Club Specials

If you are under 21, the clubs have some great specials for you. With the "D-M Z Membership Program," any member under 21 who maintains their D-M membership can receive up to \$300 in credit toward their 21st birthday party at the club. D-M "Z" credit amounts are as follows: maintain three months membership and receive \$75 in credit, maintain six months membership and

receive \$150 in credit or maintain membership for 1-year or longer and receive \$300 off your 21st birthday party. Ask your club manager today about using your D-M "Z" credit. The clubs also offer great specials for those under 21 years including non-alcoholic beverages half price. D-M "Z" credits can not be used towards the purchase of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products. For more information, call The Mirage Officers' Club at 228-3301 or The Desert Oasis Enlisted Club at 228-3100.

### Retiree and Deployed Family Meals

Retirees and their families are invited for meals at the Desert Inn Dining Facility Saturdays and Federal Holidays for brunch from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Deployed Family Meals are every Tuesday from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The meals are open to authorized ID card holders, retired military and spouses with dependant ID and authorized family members with dependant ID. For more information, call 228-5501.

### Pet registration mandatory on D-M

All base housing residents are reminded that they must register their pets with the

## Hours of operation

<b>Arts and Crafts Center</b> .....	228-4385
Tues., Wed. and Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sat. noon to 4 p.m.	
<b>Auto Skills Center</b> .....	228-3614
Tues. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. noon to 5 p.m.	
<b>Blanchard Golf Course</b> .....	228-3734
Daily, sunrise to sunset	
<b>Bowling Center</b> .....	228-3461
Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Sat. noon to 11:30 p.m.	
<b>Cabanas</b> .....	747-3234
Mon. - Thurs. 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 1 to 8 p.m. No deliveries Mon. - Fri. between 2 to 4 p.m..	
<b>D-M Child Development Center</b> .....	228-6463
Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	
<b>Community Center</b> .....	228-3717
Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	
<b>Desert Inn Dining Facility</b> .....	228-5501
Mon. - Fri. 5:15 to 7:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.; Sat. and Sun. 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.	
<b>Desert Oasis Barber Shop</b> .....	748-8710
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
<b>Desert Oasis Enlisted Club</b> .....	228-3100
Cashier Tues. - Fri. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Shockwave Lounge opens Tues. - Thurs. at 4 p.m. and Fri. at 3 p.m..	
<b>Eagles Nest Restaurant</b> .....	228-7066
Located at the Golf Course: Daily 5:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
<b>Family Child Care</b> .....	228-2201
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
<b>Finley Child Development Center</b> .....	228-3336, 228-3786 or 228-3787
Mon. - Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	
<b>Fitness and Sports Center</b> .....	228-0022
Mon. - Thurs. open 24 hours; Fri. 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sat. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun., holidays, UTE days. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.	
<b>Haefner Fitness Center</b> .....	228-3714
Mon. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Closed weekends, holidays and UTE days.	
<b>Information, Tickets &amp; Travel</b> .....	228-3700
Mon. - Tues. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs. and Fri. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	
<b>Library</b> .....	228-4381
Mon. - Thurs. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
<b>Lodging Reservations</b> .....	748-1500
<b>Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Rental</b> .....	228-3736
Mon. - Tues. and Thurs. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	
<b>Stormy's Cyber Cafe</b> .....	228-3717
Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.	
<b>The Mirage Officers' Club</b> .....	228-3301
Cashier: Mon. and Tues. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wed. - Fri. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Lunch: Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Dinner: Thurs. and Fri. 5:30 to 8 p.m.; Sunday Brunch: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Polly Bar opens at 4 p.m. Thurs. and Fri.	
<b>The Mirage Barber Shop</b> .....	748-8968
Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
<b>Veterinarian</b> .....	228-3529
Subject to change: Mon. - Fri. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.	
<b>Youth Center</b> .....	228-8844
Tues. - Fri. 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sat. noon to 8 p.m.	

D-M Veterinary Treatment Facility. Recently there have been several incidents of non-compliance by base residents. This is a mandatory requirement in accordance with base housing rules. To register a pet, or for more information, stop by the D-M Veterinary Treatment Facility or call 228-3529.